

WEEKDAY WORDS

Homer Congregational United Church of Christ
Thursday, October 21, 2021

Read through the end for some exciting opportunities ahead!

THIS SUNDAY IS THE CROP WALK!

9:30 Our faith takes action as children, youth, and adults walk around the green. Get some sponsors to support your efforts and join us as we fight hunger in the world. 25% of **CROP Walk** funds return to Cortland County for our local food support programs (food pantries, Loaves & Fishes, etc.)

Our Confirmands have been asked to recruit 5 sponsors a piece. Our children will be delighted by your support, as well.

Use this link to donate:

<https://events.crophungerwalk.org/2021/team/homer-congregational-church>

OR – bring a check payable to **Church World Service (CWS)**

10:30 Worship (come early so you can take a lap or two around the green!)
Pastor Vicki continues the sermon series called “Debts, Trespasses or What?”
Worship is in person (with masks) or online at www.homercc.com

NOTE: United Presbyterian Church’s production of *David* has been cancelled.

THIS WEEK

Monday Our Stewardship Committee meets again at 4:30.

Thursday Jane Edlund’s 95th birthday! Cards may be sent to Jane c/o Carla Walsh, 1221 Bell Drive, Cortland, NY 13045

Saturday Drive by 1221 Bell Drive in Cortland to wave and wish Jane Edlund a Happy 95th! Jane and the family will be in the driveway from 2:30-3:30, rain or shine.

COMING UP

Sunday, October 31

9:30 Faith Formation for children Pre-K – 6th grade.
Confirmation is “off” this Sunday.

10:30 5th Sunday Worship

11:45 New Members Class – upstairs in the Faith Formation room
Outreach Team – meeting in the Board Room

Tuesday, November 2

4:30 Homer Nursery School Board meeting

Wednesday, November 3

6:30 Worship & Music

COMMITTEE REPORTS

The **Stewardship Committee** met on Monday to offer their leadership in stewardship for 2022. Speakers will offer a *Stewardship Moment* each Sunday from now until November 14. Communications with the whole congregation are underway.

The **Trustees** met on Wednesday:

- The issue with the security alarm has been resolved. A hole in the conduit for the wires has been repaired and damaged wires have been replaced.
- Funding has been donated for the purchase of two TVs for the sanctuary. This will improve the quality of our visual technology and replace the use of projector/screen. Care is being taken to ensure the installation matches the woodworking in our sanctuary.
- Our ramp entrance needs repair. Work should begin early in November.
- Due to issues of Covid, we will continue wearing masks in our building.

ADULT FAITH FORMATION – NEW OPPORTUNITIES!

We all recognize that faith formation is a life-long journey. In September, we kicked off opportunities for our children to grow in faith. In October, we launched the Confirmation program through which nine of our youth will have the chance to think and talk and grow in their faith. Adults – here are your opportunities – to start on November 7:

Sunday mornings at 9:30 AM – Book Discussion:

Join Carol Costell Corbin in reading and discussing the book by John Pavlovitz -

If God Is Love, Don't Be a Jerk: Finding a Faith That Makes Us Better Humans

“Thou Shalt Not Be Horrible.” Imagine for a moment what the world might look like if we as people of faith, morality, and conscience actually aspired to this mantra...What if we invited one another to share in wide-open, fearless, spiritual communities truly marked by compassion and interdependence? What if we daily challenged ourselves to live a faith that simply made us better humans? John Pavlovitz explores how we can embody this *kinder* kind of spirituality where we humbly examine our belief system to understand how it might compel us to act in less-than-loving ways toward others.

On Sunday, November 7, we will begin discussing the first two chapters. Purchase your own copy (it is available on Kindle) or get one at church next week.

Sundays after worship - Dive Into the Hebrew Scriptures:

Want more Bible in your life? Here's your chance! Starting November 7th and running after church for nine Sundays (minus holidays), Quinn Caldwell will be facilitating a thousand-foot overview of the Hebrew Scriptures. This is not a dilettante's study—it requires daily readings and weekly attendance—but you don't have to know a single thing about the Bible to show up. To learn more, click [here](#). To sign up or ask questions, email Quinn Caldwell at gqcaldwell@gmail.com.

When you pray, pray for

- ~ our leaders – in church, in school, in government (including local government).
- ~ those serving in the military.
- ~ those who are grappling with life decisions, new diagnoses, or financial issues.

Happy Birthday (Saturday) Buzz Harrington. Thank you for all you do for our church.